

REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE, 1952.

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4th August, 1952.

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POPULATION.

The population of the State on the 31st March, 1952 was estimated to be 596,509, comprising 307,588 Males and 288,921 Females.

The estimated population of the Metropolitan Area at the 31st December, 1951 was 317,000.

MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS - WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

	MAY.		5 Months ended MAY.	
	1952	1951	1952	1951
Marriages - Number.	428	447	2,531	2,490
*Rate per 1000 of Population.	8.44	9.09	10.24	10.43
Births - Number.	1,414	1,327	6,495	6,291
*Rate per 1000 of Population.	27.89	26.98	26.28	26.36
Deaths - Number.	446	451	2,032	2,012
*Rate per 1000 of Population.	8.80	9.17	8.22	8.43
Infant Mortality - Number.	31	32	185	206
*Rate per 1000 Live Births.	21.92	24.11	28.48	32.75
PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH -				
Tuberculosis.	9	6	40	45
Cancer.	64	70	275	284
Influenza.	2	-	7	1
Diphtheria.	-	2	-	5
Cerebral Haemorrhage, etc.	51	57	235	213
Arteriosclerosis.	16	18	69	63
Diseases of the Heart.	145	135	608	589
Pneumonia and Broncho-Pneumonia.	11	19	65	73
Diarrhoea and Enteritis.	2	9	20	43
Nephritis.	11	7	32	33
Diseases of Early Infancy.	22	23	118	124
Senility.	-	1	7	9
Accidents.	38	25	167	168
All Other Causes.	75	79	389	362
Total.	446	451	2,032	2,012

\* Equivalent Annual Rate.  
\* Deaths under one year.

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1932	1931	1930	1929	1928	1927	1926	1925	1924	1923	1922	1921	1920	1919	1918	1917	1916	1915	1914	1913	1912	1911	1910	1909	1908	1907	1906	1905	1904	1903	1902	1901	1900
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POPULATION

The population of the State on the 1st July, 1932, was estimated to be 56,502, comprising 27,566 males and 28,936 females. The estimated population of the metropolitan area on the 1st July, 1932, was 27,000.

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1932	1931	1930	1929	1928	1927	1926	1925	1924	1923	1922	1921	1920	1919	1918	1917	1916	1915	1914	1913	1912	1911	1910	1909	1908	1907	1906	1905	1904	1903	1902	1901	1900
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LAND SETTLEMENT.

Land taken up under conditional alienation during the six months ended June, 1952 totalled 533,627 acres, a decrease of 132,852 acres on the corresponding period last year. Pastoral, special and miscellaneous leases registered amounted to 1,294,205 acres, a decrease of 898,320.

STATE GOVERNMENT CONSOLIDATED REVENUE & EXPENDITURE.

	Month of JUNE.		12 Months ended JUNE.	
	1952	1951	1952	1951
	£.	£.	£.	£.
Revenue.	3,805,769	4,282,775	33,955,157	28,156,181
Revenue per Head of Population.	£6. 7. 0	£7. 7. 6	£57. 9. 1	£49. 5. 7
Expenditure.	3,301,597	2,824,267	34,546,768	27,996,834
Expenditure per Head of Population.	£5. 10. 2	£4. 17. 3	£58. 9. 1	£49. 0. 0

SAVINGS BANKS.

Depositors' Balances on the 30th June, 1952 amounted to £47,170,835 or £78. 12. 4d. per head of population as against £44,672,327 or £76.16. 6d. per head as at the 30th June last year.

BANK CLEARANCES.

The average weekly clearance for the 4 weeks ended 25th June, 1952 amounted to £11,181,279 compared with £9,871,086 for the corresponding period last year.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS.

Registrations effected at the Office of Land Titles and Deeds.		JUNE.		12 Months ended JUNE.	
		1952	1951	1952	1951
Transfers.	No.	1,619	2,353	22,366	25,628
	£.	1,881,610	2,900,570	29,682,045	30,341,469
Mortgages.	No.	1,236	1,350	15,441	16,816
	£.	1,640,492	1,743,752	21,667,657	21,467,053
Discharges of Mortgages.	No.	905	1,014	11,205	12,076

SALES TAX: SALES OF TAXABLE AND EXEMPT GOODS AND TAX COLLECTED.

Period of Receipt of Returns.	TAXABLE GOODS.		Sales of Exempt Goods.	Tax Collected.
	Sales in respect of which Tax is Payable. (Gross).	Sales in respect of which Tax is NOT Payable. (Gross).		
	£.	£.	£.	£.
Twelve months ended June, 1951.	30,133,146	22,098,828	62,541,009	3,107,534
Twelve months ended June, 1952.	36,965,858	28,016,523	87,011,027	5,520,231
Month of June, 1951.	2,924,079	2,227,290	6,097,022	309,972
Month of June, 1952.	3,064,268	2,499,750	7,936,535	448,108





COMPANIES REGISTERED.

94 Local Companies, with a nominal capital of £5,055,900, and 65 Foreign Companies were registered during the twelve months ended June, 1952. Registrations for the corresponding period last year comprised 118 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £4,801,000, and 46 Foreign Companies.

BANKRUPTCY.

	12 Months ended JUNE.					
	1952			1951		
	No.	Liabilities.	Assets.	No.	Liabilities.	Assets.
		£.	£.		£.	£.
Sequestration Orders.	20	32,926	32,889	27	81,749	40,284
Deeds of Assignment. (a)	20	58,029	47,744	15	41,041	41,561
Deeds of Arrangement.	1	1,978	1,015	-	-	-

(a) Includes Compositions and Schemes of Arrangement.

TRANSPORT.

The operations of the State Government Railways, open for General and Passenger traffic, were as follows:-

	MAY.		11 Months ended MAY.	
	1952	1951	1952	1951
Gross Earnings. (a) * £.	771,800	760,000	8,568,400	6,387,300
Working Expenses. (a) £.	933,506	771,309	9,557,776	7,781,532
Train Miles Run. No.	532,561	600,000	6,380,824	6,529,936
Motor Bus Miles Run. No.	(b) 171,745	(b) 142,556	(c) 1,680,712	(c) 1,526,980
<u>Passenger Journeys -</u>				
Train. No.	1,019,785	1,338,674	10,078,070	10,804,945
Motor Bus. No.	58,183	50,586	539,563	502,877
<u>Tonnage Carried -</u>				
Paying Goods.	245,913	266,901	2,738,621	2,649,760
Livestock.	7,748	7,227	119,616	133,722
Departmental. (Free Freight).	86,032	93,027	821,083	812,025
Total.	339,693	367,155	3,679,320	3,595,507
<u>Net Ton Mileage of -</u>				
Paying Goods.	38,032,708	41,042,846	423,496,627	406,630,335
Livestock.	1,069,748	862,824	15,692,633	16,493,152
Departmental. (Free Freight).	9,762,671	9,250,721	88,899,012	94,882,084
Total.	48,865,127	51,156,391	528,088,272	518,005,571

(a) Includes operations of the Railway Road Service.

(b) Four weeks ended 3rd May.

(c) Period ended 3rd May.

\* Figures liable to revision.





MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS.

(1) NEW VEHICLES REGISTERED (EXCLUDING COMMONWEALTH-OWNED VEHICLES).

	METROPOLITAN AREA.				ENTIRE STATE.			
	Cars (including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities.	Buses.	Motor Cycles.	Cars (including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities.	Buses.	Motor Cycles.
Year 1950	No. 4,664	No. 1,901	No. 86	No. 1,214	No. 9,325	No. 5,660	No. 150	No. 2,390
Year 1951	4,263	2,088	51	1,886	7,914	5,730	101	3,192
1952 -								
January.	290	148	1	140	602	398	3	237
February.	378	175	3	143	774	469	9	231
March.	407	228	4	156	881	611	11	261
April.	512	241	5	120	949	568	7	177
May.	390	186	8	65	769	494	13	115

(2) MOTOR VEHICLES IN USE (EFFECTIVE REGISTRATIONS).\*

Date (as at end of Month)	METROPOLITAN AREA.				ENTIRE STATE.			
	Cars (including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities.	Buses.	Motor Cycles.	Cars (including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities.	Buses.	Motor Cycles.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1948 -								
June.	21,968	10,132	275	5,445	35,485	34,362	457	8,874
1949 -								
June.	24,259	11,330	364	6,729	39,989	37,680	648	10,972
1950 -								
June.	28,529	12,530	443	7,707	48,485	41,688	826	12,890
1951 -								
June.	32,966	14,461	499	8,876	56,109	46,150	950	14,521
1952 -								
January.	35,934	15,770	498	9,834	59,073	46,524	915	14,934
February.	36,069	15,824	501	9,867	60,178	48,141	950	15,357
March.	36,377	15,964	507	9,907	60,967	48,676	963	15,507
April.	36,863	16,133	507	9,953	62,146	49,462	962	15,796
May.	37,050	16,210	509	9,894	62,999	50,354	973	15,902

\* Excluding Commonwealth-Owned Vehicles, which comprised for May, 1952:-  
97 Cars; 750 Wagons, Vans, etc.; 10 Buses and 6 Motor Cycles.

TRADE (INTERSTATE AND OVERSEA).

Trade of Western Australia, May 1952 and 1951, and eleven months ended May, 1952 and 1951, expressed in terms of Australian Currency:-

	IMPORTS.				EXPORTS. (Including Ships' Stores).			
	MAY.		11 Months ended MAY.		MAY.		11 Months ended MAY.	
	1952	1951	1952	1951	1952	1951	1952	1951
Oversea.	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000
Interstate.	4,772	3,210	57,632	36,640	8,283	8,464	74,088	96,074
	5,816	5,083	56,472	42,885	1,098	963	10,795	8,297
Total.	10,588	8,293	114,104	79,525	9,381	9,427	84,883	104,371





BUILDING ACTIVITY.

(1) NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED.

Period.	Dwellings.				Factories.		Other.		Total.	
	Owner-Built.		By Contractors etc. (a)							
	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value	No.	Value.
		£,000		£,000		£,000		£,000		£,000
Year 1946	55	32	1,316	1,221	52	82	145	192	1,568	1,527
Year 1947	165	109	2,245	2,380	37	64	164	327	2,611	2,880
Year 1948	514	346	2,544	3,041	49	160	268	431	3,375	3,978
Year 1949	825	693	2,485	3,476	57	215	317	657	3,684	5,041
Year 1950	1,313	1,365	3,331	4,727	41	263	428	651	5,113	7,006
Year 1951	1,913	2,835	4,137	6,969	40	459	433	986	6,523	11,249
1952 - March Qr.	586	1,103	898	1,779	14	185	121	399	1,619	3,466

(a) Comprises Governmental Day Labour as well as Private Contractor operations, and includes Shop Dwellings, Flats and other Residentials excluded from table (2) hereunder.

(2) HOUSE CONSTRUCTION.

(Including Owner-Built Homes).

Period.	Houses Completed - Classified according to Materials of Outer Walls.									
	Brick, Stone, Concrete, etc.		Wood or Mainly Wood.		Fibro-Cement or Mainly Fibro-Cement.		Other Material.		Total.	
	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.
		£,000		£,000		£,000		£,000		£,000
Year 1946	578	640	186	140	373	296	227	172	1,364	1,248
Year 1947	1,114	1,365	257	196	966	862	62	47	2,399	2,470
Year 1948	1,252	1,715	326	249	1,436	1,348	29	22	3,043	3,334
Year 1949	1,449	2,235	228	191	1,571	1,649	42	43	3,290	4,118
Year 1950	1,709	2,882	337	311	2,262	2,572	55	48	4,363	5,813
Year 1951	2,155	4,560	453	525	2,933	4,241	190	218	5,731	9,544
1952 - March Qr.	559	1,374	113	171	769	1,255	36	70	1,477	2,870

BUTTER PRODUCTION IN FACTORIES.

949,291 lbs. were produced during June, 1952, and 14,639,655 lbs. for the twelve months ended June, 1952, as against 1,218,311 lbs. and 15,574,087 lbs. respectively for the corresponding periods for 1951.

GOLD PRODUCTION.

	JUNE.		6 Months ended JUNE.	
	1952	1951	1952	1951
Quantity ..... Fine Ozs.	55,025	44,425	352,246	320,701
Value (Aust. Currency)* £.	852,428	688,223	5,456,917	4,968,208

\* Excludes premium on gold sold for industrial purposes.

Dividends reported by Gold Mining Companies for the six months ended June, 1952 amounted to £366,848. Dividends reported for the corresponding period of 1951 amounted to £436,565.





RETAIL PRICES INDEX NUMBERS.

(Base of Each Series: Weighted Average of Six Capitals for 1923/27 = 1000).

	Food and Groceries.				All Items of Household Expenditure ("C" Series).			
	JUNE QUARTER.		12 Months ended JUNE.		JUNE QUARTER.		12 Months ended JUNE.	
	1952	1951	1952	1951	1952	1951	1952	1951
Metropolitan Area.	2308	1904	2176	1754	2158	1827	2035	1673
Kalgoorlie-Boulder.	2512	2055	2344	1887	2251	1906	2122	1762
Northam.	2374	1938	2227	1771	2180	1842	2039	1687
Bunbury.	2356	1931	2221	1773	2178	1825	2055	1688
Geraldton.	2409	1972	2267	1803	2285	1921	2137	1760
Collie.	2379	1931	2227	1772	2070	1750	1952	1607

ESTIMATED TOTAL EMPLOYMENT.

(Excluding Rural and Private Domestic).

Figures supplied by Commonwealth Statistician.

Month.	1951			1952		
	Males.	Females.	Persons.	Males.	Females.	Persons.
January.	123,741	40,324	164,065	127,021	40,611	167,632
February.	124,946	41,182	166,128	127,514	41,319	168,833
March.	125,210	41,480	166,690	127,866	41,367	169,233
April.	124,785	41,729	166,514	127,705	41,326	169,031
May.	124,715	41,642	166,357	127,534	41,110	168,644
June.	125,284	41,564	166,848			
July.	125,649	41,445	167,094			
August.	125,475	41,602	167,077			
September.	125,366	41,474	166,840			
October.	125,843	41,405	167,248			
November.	126,646	41,467	168,113			
December.	126,667	41,743	168,410			

EMPLOYMENT INDEX SERIES.

	FACTORIES. (Base: 1928/29 (19,799 Employees = 100)).					RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS (b) (Base: July, 1941 (9,578 Employees = 1000)).				
	1948	1949	1950	1951(a)	1952(a)	1948	1949	1950	1951	1952.
January.	171	179	194	208	213	1233	1354	1410	1490	1540
February.	172	182	197	212	213	1249	1358	1387	1495	1536
March.	176	186	200	215	213	1264	1371	1415	1513	1522
April.	176	187	200	215	213	1264	1377	1415	1508	1517
May.	177	187	203	216	212	1277	1354	1418	1500	1512
June.	177	187	202	215		1277	1362	1429	1517	
July.	177	182	204	216		1301	1381	1423	1517	
August.	179	189	204	215		1294	1377	1419	1510	
September.	180	190	204	212		1302	1365	1428	1518	
October.	180	191	206	214		1318	1375	1431	1522	
November.	182	192	207	214		1349	1402	1450	1537	
December.	182	194	207	213		1385	1470	1531	1587	

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1951 are preliminary and are based primarily on Pay Roll Tax Returns.

(b) Indexes computed by Commonwealth Statistician from Pay Roll Tax Returns.

# RETAIL PRICES INDEX (1937=100)

(Base of 1937=100; weighted average of 31 commodities for 1937=100)

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STATE BASIC WAGE.

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ELECTRICITY SUPPLY - METROPOLITAN AREA.

(Generated by W.A. Government Power Stations).

Particulars.	JUNE.		12 Months ended JUNE.	
	1952	1951	1952	1951
Units Generated (1000 K.W.H.)	28,349	26,220	323,781	277,825
Units Sent Out (1000 K.W.H.)	24,958	23,189	281,645	253,007

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERINGS IN PRINCIPAL ESTABLISHMENTS.

Period.	Cattle.	Calves.	Sheep.	Pigs.
June, 1952.	13,245	552	44,354	8,774
June, 1951.	17,378	354	18,127	8,521
6 Months ended June, 1952.	51,002	2,408	390,765	55,854
6 Months ended June, 1951.	54,771	1,934	269,507	51,613

